



NIOHC Circular Letter No 02/2024  
16 February 2024

## NIOHC Capacity Building Workplan

Dear NIOHC Colleagues,

### NIOHC Capacity Building (CB) Workplan 2024-2026

1. Following the endorsement of the NIOHC Workplan in 2023 at the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the North Indian Ocean Hydrographic Commission (NIOHC), 4 activities were submitted for International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) CB funding consideration in April 2023. Two of these activities have been funded for completion in 2024:

- **Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography** – a one-day seminar will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand on 20th May 2024. The seminar will precede the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting NIOHC, that will be held from 21 to 23 May 2024 at the same venue. The Seminar will focus on MSDI, with a session on Hydrographic Leadership. Further details to follow.
- **MSI Course** – dates to be confirmed.

### 2. IHO Funded Proposals for 2025.

The regions capacity building submissions for 2025 will need to be submitted to CBSC in April of this year. The NIOHC CB Coordinator therefore requires your input into the Workplan via email ahead of 23<sup>rd</sup> NIOHC plenary meeting in May.

The proposed activities for submission to support the region are:

| Activity                                    | Beneficiaries<br>Countries /<br>Territories         | Comments  |
|---|---|---|
| Technical Implementation Visits             | For identified coastal states                       | If a High Level or Technical visit is required, please contact the CB coordinator for inclusion in the plan.  |
| Hydrographic Awareness Seminar              | For identified coastal states                       | To share regional knowledge and support engagement  |
| S101 Production Course (S-57 – S100)        | For identified coastal states and neighbouring RHCs | <b>Resubmission of proposal unfunded in 2024 -</b> Phase 3 activity required for regional preparation and development for S-100. Combined Course with RSAHC |
| Marine Spatial Planning                     | For identified Coastal states and neighbouring RHCs | Proposed by Bangladesh at NIOHC22   |
| Satellite Derived Bathymetry (SDB) workshop | For identified coastal states                       | Workshop on SDB application following discussion at NIOHC22   |

The full NIOHC 3-year CB Workplan 2024 -2026 is at **Annex A**.

### 3. **Timeline for NIOHC Workplan.**

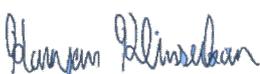
Suggestions for activities to include in the Workplan for 2025 should be submitted to the NIOHC CB Coordinator ([lucy.fieldhouse@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.fieldhouse@ukho.gov.uk)) **no later than 23 February 2024.**

Any amendments to the Workplan will be communicated via email. In accordance with the NIOHC Statutes NIOHC Members are asked to endorse the plan **no later than 1 March 2024** - Nil response will be taken as endorsement of the suggested activities.

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Action</b>  |
|--------------------|--|
| 16 February 2024   | NIOHC CB Workplan shared with NIOHC Members and Associate Members              |
| 23 February 2024   | Deadline for suggestions of activities (submitted to CB coordinator via email) |
| 26 February 2024   | Updated Workplan shared by NIOHC CB Coordinator to NIOHC Members via email     |
| 1 March 2024       | Deadline for endorsement by NIOHC Members                                      |
| March – April 2024 | Drafting of proposals by NIOHC CB Coordinator                                  |
| April 2024         | Submission of NIOHC Proposals to CBSC  |
| June 2024          | IHO 2025 Capacity Building Workplan published                                  |

### 4. **Further information**

Should you need more information, please contact the NIOHC CB Coordinator, Ms Lucy Fieldhouse ([lucy.fieldhouse@ukho.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.fieldhouse@ukho.gov.uk))

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Yours Sincerely,  
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Annex:  
A NIOHC CB Workplan 2024-2026

**NIOHC Capacity Building Program for the period 2024-2026**

**2024**

| <b>Activity</b>                             | <b>Beneficiaries Countries / Territories</b>        | <b>Responsible</b>   | <b>Period</b> | <b>Obs.</b>  |
|---|---|----------------------|---------------|--|
| Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography | For identified coastal states                       | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2024          | <b>Funded</b> to precede NIOHC23 meeting. May 2024 (Thailand)  |
| MSI Course                                  | For identified coastal states                       | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2024          | <b>Funded.</b> Phase 1 activity in conjunction with RSAHC. To build on course delivered in 2023 to build regional capability and support succession planning and improve safety of navigation in the region. Dates to be confirmed |
| S101 Production Course (S-57 – S100)        | For identified coastal states and neighbouring RHCs | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2024          | <b>Unfunded.</b> Phase 3 activity required for regional preparation and development for S-100. Combined Course with RSAHC  |
| MSDI and Database Management (5 days)       | For identified coastal states                       | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2024          | <b>Unfunded</b> In conjunction with RSAHC. To build on virtual MSDI Training delivered Jan 2020 with face-to-face course on MSDI management and data structures – <b>Will focus on MSDI for Seminar</b>                            |

**2025**

| <b>Activity</b>                      | <b>Beneficiaries Countries / Territories</b>        | <b>Responsible</b>   | <b>Period</b> | <b>Obs.</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------|---|
| Technical Implementation Visits      | For identified coastal states                       | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2025          | As requested directly to CB Coordinator or via National Report  |
| Hydrographic Awareness Seminar       | For identified coastal states                       | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2025          | To share regional knowledge and support engagement  |
| S101 Production Course (S-57 – S100) | For identified coastal states and neighbouring RHCs | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2025          | <b>Resubmission of proposal unfunded in 2024</b> - Phase 3 activity required for regional preparation and development for S-100. Combined Course with RSAHC |
| Marine Spatial Planning              | For identified Coastal states and neighbouring RHCs | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2025          | Proposed by Bangladesh at NIOHC22   |
| SDB workshop                         | For identified coastal states                       | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2025          | Workshop on SDB application   |

**2026**

| <b>Activity</b>                             | <b>Beneficiaries<br/>Countries /<br/>Territories</b> | <b>Responsible</b>   | <b>Period</b> | <b>Obs.</b>   |
|---|--|----------------------|---------------|---|
| Technical Implementation Visits             | For identified coastal states                        | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2026          | As requested directly to CB Coordinator or via National Report  |
| Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography | For identified coastal states                        | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2026          | To be held prior to NIOHC plenary meeting dates to be confirmed |
| MBES Processing Course                      | For identified coastal states                        | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2026          | To be held in conjunction with neighbouring RHCs                |
| ENC production Course                       | For identified coastal states                        | NIOHC CB Coordinator | 2026          | To be held in conjunction with neighbouring RHCs                |